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Inaugural Jack Attack!! Winners, Team 'Fair Wind' and their trophies.
L to R: David Bushell, Tony Gale, John Leathart and Judy Hodges.



The Club's New Initiatives Committee has produced a winner with the introduction of Jack Attack! - Bowls Australia's social-competitive version of bowls that can be enjoyed by both new and experienced players.

President *Louise Amos* and Director *Susie Meares* enlisted *Tony Gale* (Co-ordinator) and *Julie Dunn* to organise the event over four Friday evenings 8, 15, 22 and 29 March to great success. 187 members and visitors participated (an average of 47 each evening) concluding with a sausage sizzle. Tony reports 51 visitors participated, some to all four games. He is confident that the great atmosphere will encourage many to seriously contemplate joining the club. *Hooray to that!!*

Additionally, even with the modest \$15/head green fee, it was financially viable.

The organisers were particularly appreciative of the assistance and encouragement given by Bowls Australia's *Bret Hughes* who gave his time freely. This BA initiative looks a winner. Much more information is on their dedicated website jackattack.com.au/.

Pictures and information on the format of the game is on page 13.

VALE

It seems each newsletter brings news of the passing of friends and members and this edition is no Exception:

Lois Killman

Member 26 years. A lovely Lady leaves us. Box page 3

Robin Hey

Member 17 years. "A great servant to the club and a good bowler." Box page 2.

John Bleach

Member 16 years. Invariably polite and affable. See Chairman's report page 2.



Take the day off for this one..

It's the best day of bowling on the Shore with a delightful luncheon and cash prizes.

ENTRY FORM NOW AT THE CLUB AND ON OUR WEBSITE
killarabowlingclub.com.au/kbc2/autumn-carnival/

See you there!



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2019 AUTUMN CARNIVAL

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**Dale McBean**

It is with much sadness that we read in the SMH only last week that **John Bleach**, a KBC member for 16 years, had passed away. John was best known by the older members of the

Club but played an important role for many years as organiser of the roll-up room roster. Our thoughts are with his wife **Bina** and their family and on behalf of all our members who knew John, I extend our sincere condolences to you all.

We have also recently lost two lovely lady members of long standing, **Lois Killman** and **Robin Hey** and both will be sorely missed.

The Spring social function was cancelled as too few members placed their names on the attendance list. As a result we will need to review our program to suit member's wishes regarding socializing off the greens. However the attendance at the Friday evening **Jack Attack** sessions has been excellent and that is very satisfying. Congratulations to **Susie Meares, Louise Amos, Julie Dunn** and **Tony Gale** together with their helpers for their outstanding efforts in "making this happen".

Thanks to **Darren Hargreaves** and his staff, our greens and grounds are being maintained in excellent condition and with their co-operation with adjusting the renovation program slightly we have had only one green out at a time.

Our member numbers over the last year have remained constant, with new members equaling those who have left due to their age, but we are sadly seeing a fall in playing numbers particularly on Wednesdays and Thursdays. It is "feet on the greens" where we gain our income and that is where we are falling short at present.

Our Grade 5 and Grade 7 Pennant teams have started the year off reasonably well but as we are likely to be losing several of the stalwarts during the pennant season due to interstate moves and holidays abroad we are hoping some of the newer players will fill the gaps with distinction.

We are fast approaching the time when we will be approaching members to consider volunteering to take positions on committees for next year, I remind members that it was the lack of volunteers that eventually led to the demise of both the Gordon and Roseville Bowling Clubs that led to their demise. We must not let that happen to our Club in the short term

I wish all members good health and good bowling for the remainder of 2019.

Dale**JOHN BLEACH**
1928—2019

Robin Hey, member (Joined 2002), passed away at Lourdes after a long illness. Reminiscing with **Barbara Cotton** and **Elizabeth Dokulil**, long time friends and colleagues, Robin's contributions to the club were extensive, both as an administrator and as a player. She was Vice

President and on the Joint Management Committee; an Umpire and Pennant player.

"A great servant to the club and a good bowler!"
Such an epitaph really says it all.

BEQUESTS

"Those who make a bequest are like people who plant shade trees under which they will never sit"

**Consider a donation to your club.
Discuss, in confidence, with the
Chairman or Company Secretary.**

Repair - After your hands become coated with grease, your nose will begin to itch and you'll have to pee.

Gravity - Any tool, nut, bolt, screw, when dropped, will roll to the least accessible place in the universe.

Probability - The probability of being watched is directly proportional to the stupidity of your act.

Random Numbers - If you dial a wrong number, you never get a busy signal.

Driving - If you change traffic lanes, the one you were in will always move faster than the one you are in now.

Laws of life

Doctors' - If you don't feel well, make an appointment to go to the doctor, by the time you get there you'll feel better.. But don't make an appointment, and you'll stay sick.

Mechanics - When you try to prove to someone that a machine won't work, IT WILL!!!

Argument - Anything is possible IF you don't know what you are talking about.

Physical Appearance - If the clothes fit, they're ugly.

Murphy's Law of Lockers - If there are only 2 people in a locker room, they will have adjacent lockers.





**KWBC PRESIDENT
Louise Amos**

Killara women have had a few busy months, especially with district events with two entries in District Senior Pairs and three in District Singles. The highlight of course is **Susie Meares** reaching the District Singles final. Over three days, Susie played four tough matches against experienced players from Mosman and Neutral Bay to have earned her place in the final. Those who were there to watch Susie, said her semi-final match against **Louise Hamshere** (Neutral Bay) should have been the final. They were trading shots for shots and the match lasted almost four hours! After a gruelling semi-final, Susie had to gather her strength and focus to face **Di McBryde** (St Ives). Unfortunately, she ran out of steam in



the end and went down 25:17. The runner-up plate is now on display in the club's trophy cabinet. Well done, Susie. We are pleased to report that our Pennants side is doing well in Section 1 of Grade 3 having won three games against North Sydney, Belrose and Turramurra. There are three more games to go. A big thank you to **Barbara Cotton** for baking those yummy biscuits when we played at home. Results are available on:-

<https://northshoredistrictwomensbowls.com/>

Good luck to Grade 5 and Grade 7 men's Pennants. There are a lot of other activities keeping us busy as well; club major singles, carnivals at Dee Why, Newport, Belrose, St Ives and Seaforth. Not to mention twilight bowls and Jack Attack which turned out to be a great success.



Anne Rands, Louise Amos, Yvonne Taylor and Julie Dunn take the money for the 2018 Women's Fours Competition. More below and on page 8.

We had continuing interest from members and visitors with 40+ turning up for the four Jack Attack evenings. Sincere thanks to **Julie Dunn** and Susie Meares for the hard work behind the scene to make these events happen. Thank you to **Ngoc** and **Anne** for helping with registration and raffles. Also a big thank you to **Tony Gale**, our Jack Attack Co-ordinator who has done a fabulous job hosting these events. Sadly we had to say goodbye to Lois Killman and Robin Hey who passed away recently. RIP.

Wishing everyone good health and good bowling. See you on the green soon.

Louise.

Vale Lois Killman



Lois commenced bowling with **Warrawee** and was a proficient player. A Resident of Killara she became an Associate in 1993 and a constant participant in our social activities as the charming companion of **Warwick Druce**.

Readers may remember Lois featured in our October 2018 edition (KBN #61 on our website). She had an adventurous spirit and a great sense of fun. *Amazing Grace*

2018 COMPETITION WINNERS	
EVENT	WINNER/S
MEN'S MAJOR SINGLES	JOZEF ZAZULAK
WOMEN'S MAJOR SINGLES	SUSIE MEARES
MEN'S MAJOR PAIRS	CLEM JUST, BRUCE YORK
WOMEN'S PAIRS	NGOC HAU, LOUISE AMOS
MEN'S TRIPLES	SCOTT LAFFER, TONY HUNT, BRIAN SHIRVINGTON
WOMEN'S TRIPLES	YVONNE TAYLOR, NGOC HAU, LOUISE AMOS
MEN'S FOURS	TONY HUNT, SCOTT LAFFER, JOSEF ZAZULAK, BRIAN SHIRVINGTON
WOMEN'S FOURS	ANNE RANDS, YVONNE TAYLOR, JULIE DUNN, LOUISE AMOS
GISSING CONSISTENCY	JOZEF ZAZULAK
WOMEN'S CONSISTENCY	LOUISE AMOS
MEN'S MINOR SINGLES	GEOFF LITTLE
WOMEN'S MINOR SINGLES	ANNE RANDS
MEN'S MINOR PAIRS	GEOFF LITTLE, TED COOK
MEN'S CLUB PAIRS	TONY HUNT, DON READE
MIXED PAIRS	SCOTT LAFFER, LOUISE AMOS
MIXED TRIPLES	MIDORI MATSUKA, SHIZUKO HASHIMOTO, ROD HENRIKS



PRESIDENT
Owen Holden

POLICY ON RE-SPOTTING THE JACK

The Joint Match Committee has decided that for all games at KBC for which KBC is the Controlling Body, excluding Bowls NSW competitions, if the jack goes out of bounds it is to be re-spotted on the tee.

This applies to all KBC social games, L J Hooker Triples, Club Championships, Cyril South games, and KBC Club Carnivals.

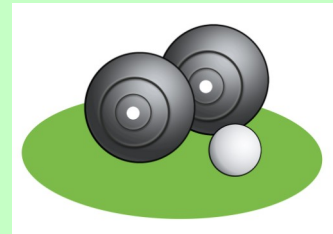
For Bowls NSW games including Pennants, Mid-Week Challenge, and Bowls NSW Championships, the laws of Bowls NSW regarding dead ends apply.

This means that if the jack goes out of bounds, the end becomes a dead end and must be replayed.

This will apply unless Bowls Australia makes a decision to allow re-spotting of the Jack.

Comments

- *With the purpose of increasing interest and participation in lawn bowls, innovations which provide for faster games are favoured e.g. Jack Attack!! and "Re-spotting the Jack".*
- *The style of play which features frequent drives and "on shots" leads to dead ends, which if replayed, extends the game. No material extra time is imposed if dead ends are eliminated.*
- *With the "Re-spotting rule" Directors in the head must now give close attention to their teams' bowls in relation to the tee. If the Jack goes dead, the re-spotting could well totally change the run of the game. So, alert skips will cover the tee.*



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CLUB HISTORIAN
Elizabeth Dokulil

More glimpses from her research . .

The Membership

Killara Bowling Club has always been an affiliated member of the Royal NSW Bowling Association but to join Killara one had to be selected by a ballot from the committee.

Admission in those early years could not be taken for granted.

An Investigation Committee was appointed and all applicants were requested to appear to an interview with two character references. and it helped to be admitted if you knew someone at the Club one member observed.

In the Archives an unknown member stated that in 1972 when he joined, he was subjected to this ruling and that in 2007 while still a member, knew this was rule still applied.

The club began with 25 members but by 1961 had a limit of 215 for ordinary members, so many clamoured to play.

In those early years Killara became known as the 'Friendly Club found from reading the early Minutes.

They record that their members came from 'many walks of life, were known to each other by their Christian names' and at the Club 'there was a camaraderie so close to the heart of a bowler'.

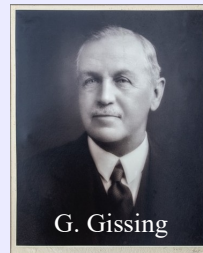
Many friendships existed among the Bowlers as earlier they had been forged from paying tennis at the Killara Tennis Club next door or the Killara Golf Club.

In 1926 the Rules stated 'that the Club shall be limited to males and consist of members of the following designations - a) Life, b) Ordinary, c) Special d) Provisional e) Associate f) Country, g) Social, h) Visiting and Honorary.

The Special Category was reserved for the Clergy, favoured with a reduced fee, Provisional for those on a waiting list, Country for men with a house in Killara and a Property elsewhere, Social for those unable to continue active play but desirous of maintaining their association with the Club, and others who availed themselves of this category and use the Club as a watering hole. As there was no pub nearby on the North Shore apart from the Greengate and the Pymble Hotel, many joined, not to play but to meet friends and enjoy a drink on the way home from work.

The members who first signed the 'Rules' were AC Gill, SJ Channon, Oliver Hawley, F Clifford Darby, EA Wells, F Drummond, WR Elston, J Neale Breden, PV Ryan, HL Davis, AW Cornish, AE Spriggs, F Morley, F Rudd, AGH Gardner, WA Gullick, ECH Mathews, WJ Holmes. In 1937 from the first complete list of members recorded since 1916, only four were still members in June 1961, but none were still active.

Many joined and played for years. Of nine who joined before WWII, all were still playing in 1961. Of these nine, EVT Whittle who joined in 1924, was noted for having the longest continuous membership of 37 years. I wonder if this record has been broken? By 1961 the Club

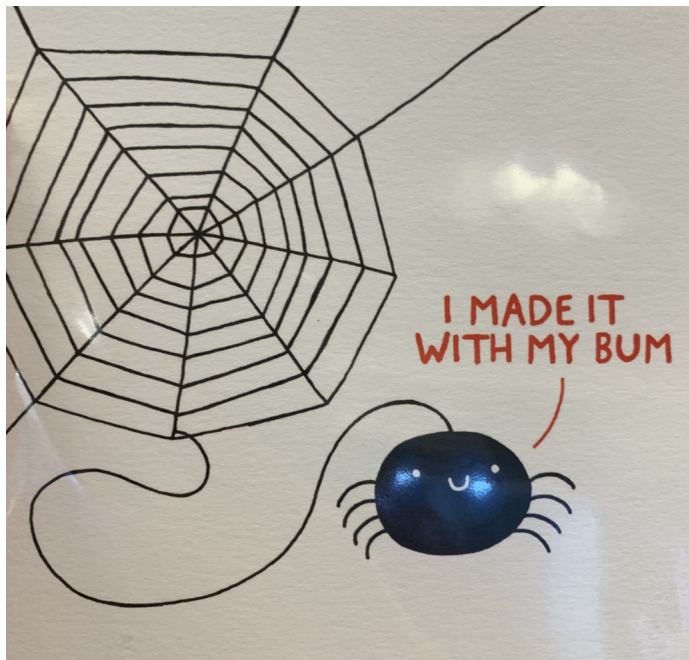


G. Gissing

had honoured the following bowlers with Life Membership. C Luke 1922, WR Elston 1916, G Gissing 1916, A Williams 1936, W Whitehead 1925, F Rudd 1916, R H Walton 1936. (The date after their name records the year they all joined.) Mr Whitehead was elected as a compliment for attaining the age of 100 years.

He lived to be 101, but later his election was declared invalid.

Notes on the Membership to be continued. Elizabeth



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President Owen Holden 9416 5372
or
President Louise Amos 0481 510 263**

IMPROVE YOUR BOWLING

Your coach has always emphasised that PRACTICE is essential for consistent, good bowling. What you must ensure is that practice is concentrated on good technique.

There are plentiful resources' on 'the art of bowling' on the WEB including videos and pamphlets. A very good place to start is on our own website where our own champion member, **Julie Halliday**, has published her booklet BOWL to WIN.

Below is an excerpt. For the full PDF go to :_

<https://killarabowlingclub.com.au/kbc2/links/>

A GUIDELINE FOR TAKING GRASS

The boundary peg is a good object to fix on as a starting point ONLY.

Bring your eyes back along the grass in a perfectly straight line to a Stare Point approximately 6 metres from the front of the mat along the diagonal line.

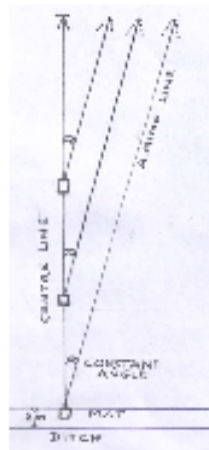
Then align your right foot (left foot for left handers) to this "6 metre spot" – bringing your other foot alongside.

Do not take your eyes off this "6 metre spot" until your bowl is well past it. Looking at the Jack can produce narrow bowls.

Let me emphasise that the "6 metre spot" can vary according to the pace of the green.

If the green is said to be fast, then select a point about one metre outside the boundary peg...still applying the "6 metre" rule.

On a true green without wind: for a draw shot the angle of the grass-line to the centre line of the rink remains constant for any length end.



Tyrone was having trouble in school. His teacher was always yelling at him. One day Tyrone's mother came to school to check on how he was doing. The teacher told her honestly, that her

son was simply a disaster, getting very low marks, and that she had never seen such a stupid boy in her entire teaching career.

The mum was so shocked at the feedback that she withdrew her son from school and moved to another town. 25 years later, the teacher was diagnosed with an almost incurable cardiac disease. All the doctors strongly advised her to have open heart surgery, which only one surgeon at the City Clinic could perform.

Left with no other options, the teacher decided to have the operation, which was remarkably successful. When she opened her eyes after the surgery she saw a handsome young doctor smiling down at her. She wanted to thank him, but could not talk. Her face started to turn blue, she raised her hand, trying to tell him something but quickly died.

The doctor was shocked, wondering what went wrong so suddenly. Then he turned around and saw our friend Tyrone, a janitor in the Clinic, who had unplugged the life-support in order to connect his vacuum cleaner. If you thought Tyrone had become a heart-surgeon, there is a high likelihood that you will soon vote for Bill Shorten.

REMEMBER

I remember the corned beef of my Childhood,
And the bread that we cut with a knife,
When the Children helped with the housework,
And the men went out to work, not the wife.

The cheese never needed a fridge,
And the bread was so crusty and hot,
The Children were seldom unhappy,
And the Wife was content with her lot.

I remember the milk from the bottle,
With the yummy cream on the top,
Our dinner came hot from the oven,
And not from a freezer; or shop.

The kids were a lot more contented,
They didn't need money for kicks,
Just a game with their friends in the road,
And sometimes the Saturday flicks.

I remember the shop on the corner,
Where biscuits for pennies were sold
Do you think I'm a bit too nostalgic?
Or is it....I'm just getting Old?


GOVERNMENT NOTICE



To help save the economy, the Immigration Department will start deporting seniors (instead of illegals) in order to lower Social Security and Medicare costs. Older people are easier to catch and will not remember how to get back home. Be sure to send this notice to your relatives and friends, so they will know what happened to you. I started to cry when I thought of you. Then it dawned on me; I'll see you on the bus.

Malcolm's Musings

"MIND THE GAP!"



My first job in medicine, was to run ENT outpatients. I saw kids with recurrent tonsillitis and ear infections, and old folk with audiograms. The latter either went to the hearing aid clinic or were put on the waiting list for stapedectomy*. The kids were harder. Really bad ones got on the urgent waiting list of six months and the not so bad on a waiting list of five years. I was instructed to tell them that for 90 guineas their kids could have surgery in the private sector, and if they waited for a vacancy in the public sector their hearing could be seriously damaged. I did not enjoy this.



I thought the Australian system fantastic. Operating lists were a mixture of private and public patients getting the same care. Those with insurance went to the rooms and those without to outpatients. There were no gaps either. There are not many outpatients any more.

My partner was a financial counsellor. Not the sort that want 3% of your money for telling you to buy BHP. She dealt with people who couldn't pay their bills, often for reasons not their fault, but sometimes for reasons of greed, addiction and stupidity. She was involved in helping old people who were struggling and a major cause of their struggles was doctor's bills. Especially pensioners who keep their private health insurance get into such difficulty. On occasions, they need to refinance the house or go bankrupt because of the bills.

In the United States 60% of bankruptcies are over health bills. Serious illness carries a high risk of losing the family home. Are we heading that way?

I'm not against the gap. Health systems that work invariably have a co-payment. I am comfortable with the rich getting gapped, and those who have to buy



expensive gear adding the cost to the bills. The Government is slow to keep rebates up to inflation.

But I don't believe in our society health problems should become financial problems..

And I object to profligate charging. My partner had one client who had pretty major surgery while healthy financially and privately insured. She'd been paying off the gap \$100 a month for about two years. The accounts lady grudgingly wrote it off when it was explained to her this was the food money. Don't think if it wasn't discussed with you that you don't have to pay. This is not true and you are expected to be an intelligent consumer and enquire in detail about the costs. Like buying a telly. Medicine is now a business and you need to be an intelligent consumer.

GPs refer to specialists who are kind and write nice letters. They often have no idea about billing habits of those they refer to. Their patient's don't tell them. For every big gap charger there is a better doctor who doesn't. You can find "no-gappers" through health funds but you have no idea about quality. You have to find out who treats the doctors. "Who would you go to if you were me?" is a good question. Ask about costs. Say if you can't afford a gap. The very discussion can lower the price. Except for cosmetic surgery. They get the lot before they start.

Last week three more funds advertised No Gap lists. The AMA bleated about socialism. They may be right. Ayn Rand** wrote 50 years ago if you want to socialise medicine you give doctors a licence to print money and expose their avarice. Bevin did it in the UK. He "stuffed their mouths with gold."

Maybe the pollies have a secret plan. I don't think they are that smart.

*I looked this up; a very precise procedure. Ed. <https://dariuskohanmd.com/stapedectomy-surgery-nyc/>

** No not our **Anne Rands**. She was not writing 50 years ago! https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ayn_Rand

PLEASE MIND THE GAP
BETWEEN YOUTH AND
INFIRMITY, ALSO KNOWN
AS 'MIDDLE AGE'



SYDNEY
V
THE REST



2018
COMPETITION WINNERS

OUR FIRST PLACE OF ORIGIN FOR 2019 COMBINED WITH PRIZE AWARDS SATURDAY 20 JANUARY.

KBC hosted two special guests:

Former Member and President **Martin McMurray** Initiator and Donor of the **Ian Cameron-Smith Trophy*** for our Club Champion; and **Pat Sinclair** wife of Former President **Bob Sinclair** (dec.) who conceived and initiated the **Sydney Versus the Rest**** competition. Bob and Pat donated the Painting as the perpetual trophy . . . And Pat has never missed making the three annual presentations since December 1996! **That is 68 occasions!!**

It was a well attended and excellent day. *The Rest* were the victors.

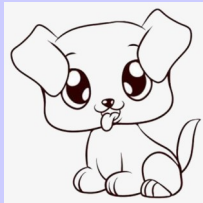


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TENDER MOMENT!?
Could this lead to unbridled passion?
Watch this space.



On the last of school, the children brought gifts for their teacher. The supermarket manager's daughter brought the teacher a basket of assorted fruit. The florist's son brought the teacher a bouquet of flowers. The candy-store owner's daughter gave the teacher a pretty box of chocolates. Then the liquor-store owner's son brought up a big, heavy box. The teacher lifted it up and noticed that it was leaking a little bit. She touched a drop of the liquid with her finger and tasted it. "Is it wine?" she guessed. "No," the boy replied. She tasted another drop and asked, "Champagne?" "No," said the little boy "It's a puppy!"



Ken Howard

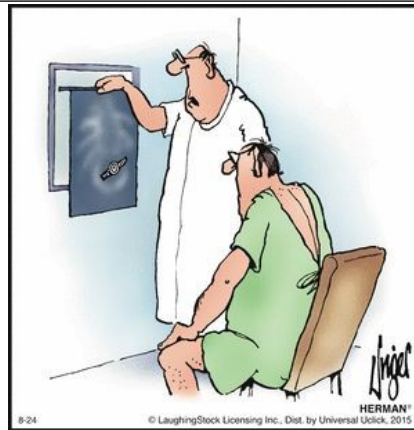


I was in a Starbucks Coffee recently when my stomach started rumbling and I realized that I desperately needed to 'gas'. The place was packed, but the music was really loud so to get relief and reduce embarrassment I timed my gas to the beat of the music. After a couple of songs I started to feel much better. I finished my coffee and noticed that everyone was staring at me. I suddenly remembered that I was listening to my iPod.

CAR TROUBLE



A blonde pushes her BMW into a gas station. She tells the mechanic it died. After he works on it for a few minutes, it is idling smoothly She says, "What's the story?" He replies, "Just crap in the carburettor." She asks, "How often do I have to do that?"



"I'll have to open you up again; that watch has great sentimental value."



"I don't want to worry you, but the guy who delivered the pizza was your financial planner."



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The trials and tribulations of a vet in harness:

Roving Reporter and Resident Veterinarian **Dr. Tony Hunt**



I was in bed with my wife around 11pm when the phone blasted next to me. It was a client whose dog was stuck inside a bitch (as they often are after mating) and the owner was bordering on hysteria not knowing about this odd reproductive behaviour in the canine, and thinking his dog was in serious trouble. I tried to reassure him but he was having none of it so I asked for his phone number and told him to put the phone near the dogs and I'd call him back.

"What bloody good will that do?" he yelled.

"Well it sure as hell worked with my wife and me when you rang just now" I informed him.

Seriously folks, after hours veterinary services in the Pleistocene period, in which I was privileged to serve most of my vet career, was the bane of our lives.

As there were no stand alone emergency hospitals, all vets did their own out of hours servicing which meant an arduous internal hospital roster for the vets and lots of interrupted sleep especially if you were unlucky enough to be a one or two vet hospital.

One night around 3 am I got a call from a timid sounding lad of 15 who said his parents were away for a few days and his aging pet gerbil was due to put his little cue in the rack after a very long life (for a gerbil that is!).

He wanted me to tell him the best way to perform home euthanasia as he had no transport, no money and didn't want the end to occur at the vet hospital.

Now let me tell you there is no nice way to execute your pet gerbil at home we decided after we ran through the possibilities from the gas oven to the hammer.

Luckily for the 3 of us, the gerbil expired during our chat.

On another occasion, around 2 am, my wife says I took a call after having crawled into bed, thoroughly exhausted from several other night time emergencies, and apparently I had spoken in tongues to a client for several minutes and then hung up. My wife was awake by this time and told me I had talked gibberish for a long time.

The phone rang again and when I answered, the client said "you'll never guess what just happened to me - I accidentally rang some nutter who went off his head in a very strange language, but thank god I've got YOU now".

Perhaps the potentially worst after hours incident occurred when I had anaesthetised a budgie, to relieve an egg binding, with the highly inflammable anaesthetic ether, administered via a cotton ball resting on her Cere (nose).

As I was cauterising a bleeding artery from a Cloacal tear the budgie burst into flames.

I quickly put her out and she seemed none the worse for the experience except for a slight "bushfire" odour which

the owner didn't seem to notice.

Sometimes it was very busy in the middle of the night - one Sunday night when I was the only vet on call for the whole of West London, I had five emergencies lined up at the hospital at 1 am and no nurse. The last was a pregnant Doberman in labour and not producing little Dobbies, so into the operating theatre for a caesarean.

An hour later and with the help of the breeder, we had 15 tiny pups squealing around in a large basket looking for a teat and a very large, dopey looking Doberman bitch eyeing me suspiciously as I examined her brood.

On the bright side some wonderful meetings occurred - one weekend my wife and I decided to get away to Yorkshire for a mini break and, serendipitously, we stopped in the small market town of Thrusk - the home of the (at the time) megastar vet, James Herriot. Over coffee a local mentioned this so we dropped in to say hello and were confronted by hoards of American tourists wandering through his hospital souveniring anything coming to hand and thinking it was a film set or museum rather than a working clinic.

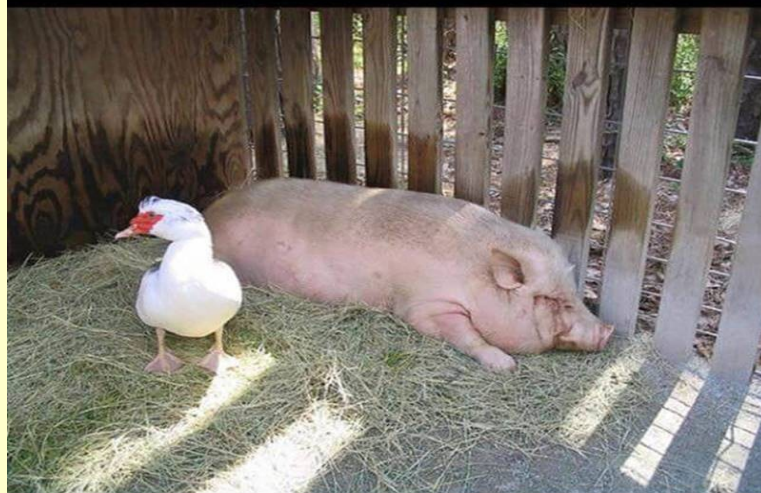
James Herriott (aka Alf White) pulled us inside when he discovered I was a vet and bared his frazzled soul to us as he tried to diagnose a sick dog and then to get out to do his farm calls.

All the while his son, who was at university studying Vet, was basking in Dad's glory and being a general nuisance. To cap it all a Swedish newspaper journo was trying to do a story on the worlds' most famous vet.

"I should never have written those bloody books!" he wailed.

Tony

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